## Abstract of the Invention Villaux

A process for extinguishing, preventing and controlling fires using a composition containing at least one fluoro-substituted ethane selected from the group of CF<sub>3</sub>-CHF<sub>2</sub>, CHF<sub>2</sub>-CHF<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>F, CF<sub>3</sub>-CHFCl, CF<sub>2</sub>Cl-CHFCl, CF<sub>3</sub>-CHCl<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>-CHCl<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>2</sub>Cl-CHFCl, CFCl<sub>2</sub>-CHF<sub>2</sub>, and CHFCl-CHFCl is disclosed. The ethane can be used in open or enclosed areas with little or no effect on the ozone in the stratosphere and with little effect on the global warming process.

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